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Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church, Lac du Flambeau, WI

Our Mission Statement: As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."

Why Christ call us to worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an "average" Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: "Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons."

He continues: "The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don't really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?"

- from *The Wired Word*

Palm Sunday as an Advent

When a king came to town during Greco-Roman times, citizens held an *adventus* ceremony, which led to the word *Advent*. Liturgy specialist Chan Gyu Jang writes, "On an Advent-oriented Palm Sunday, we know not only that we face fierce opposition and ridicule in this world, but that salvation comes in the least expected, most unforeseen way: a baby born of a virgin and laid in a manger, a man from Nazareth riding on a donkey, a 'King of Jews' crucified between thieves, and empty tomb, wind and fire, bread and wine, a trumpet call out of nowhere, yet heard in every ear."

**Session notes
from March**

Session did not meet in March. The next meeting will be On May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Special Dates

Holy Week	April 10 – 17, 2022
Palm/Passion Sunday	April 10, 2022
Maundy Thursday	April 14, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Resurrection Sunday	April 17, 2022
Administrative Professionals Day	April 27, 2022

April Calendar with Scripture readings

April 3, 2022 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5: 9-12 and Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

April 10, 2022 – Palm/ Passion Sunday (***Holy Week begins***)

Palms: Luke 19: 28-40 and Ps. 118: 1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22: 14-23 or Luke 23: 1-49

Monday of Holy Week

Isa. 42: 1-9 and Ps. 36:5-11; Heb. 9:11-15; John 12: 1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isa. 49: 1-7 and Ps. 71: 1-14; 1 Cor. 1: 18-31; John 12: 20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa. 50: 4-9a and Ps. 70; Heb. 12: 1-3; John 13: 21-32

Maundy Thursday

Ex. 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14 and Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11: 23-36; John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Isa. 52: 13 - 53:12 and Ps. 22; Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1 – 19:42

April 17, 2022 - Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 65: 17-25 and Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20: 1-18

April 24, 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 and Ps. 118:14-29 or Ps. 150 or 2 Kings 7:1-16 and Ps. 2; Rev. 1: 4-8; John 20:19-31

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Sheryl Souhrada	April 6
Gary Beier	April 7
Merry Belle Beltz	April 13
Ellen Granger	April 15
Tyler Trobaugh	April 16
Judy Allen	April 19
Helen Sauer	April 22
Jan Gresmer	April 26

ANNIVERSARIES

No Known Anniversaries this month

There will be additional information added after the Session Meeting in April. The date has not been set as of yet.

To the Presbyterian Women in LdF:

Manitowish Community Presbyterian Church Women's Fellowship is extending an invitation to join us for our Bible Study. If you are interested, we meet September -May, first Thursday of the month, at 9:30 A.M. at our church. We are studying the PW Horizon "What Our Grandmothers Taught Us". We also meet the third Thursday, 9:30 A.M. for working on Missions projects.

If you aren't meeting, please feel free to join us. We have extra books and are happy to have you.

Sincerely,

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Pastoral Search Update

Your LdF session met Thursday, April 7, with the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) along with Pastor Lawrence Lee of the Presbyterian Committee on Ministry. Pastor Lee reiterated that securing an interim minister is next to impossible, so we are thankful we can look to Jack Fashbaugh and other supply pastors to continue to give us the spiritual guidance we seek. It appears calling a pastor to our church is going to take time, much hard work and decision making by the congregation. Know you have a dedicated session and PNC that is ready to listen to you and the job will get done with our patience.

In the next few weeks, a Mission Study will be revisited and now would be the time to voice your ideas, thoughts, questions, input, your hopes and the vision you have for the future of our church.

The committee to secure a pastor is working on a DRAFT yoking agreement that will be shared with the congregation. Because of our small congregation, our limited budget and our special pastoral needs, we are exploring the idea of yoking with Manitowish Waters Community Church. This DRAFT will serve as a means of documenting how we might work together, what is shared and what is kept separate, how our finances would be structured to pay for the pastor and the housing of the pastor, via our manse. This DRAFT yoking agreement will be a guideline for a conversation with Manitowish Waters in May.

As well as a yoking document, we will also be drafting documents (Ministry Information Forms - MIFs) that will be used to call a minister, whether it is a yoked situation, or not. We are trying to proactively cover as many possibilities as we can in order to secure a minister. Hopefully by early summer, both churches will have a meeting to vote on which direction we want to take.

Your help and input are needed. *Please know that the session and PNC are ready to listen to you and feel free to speak with any one of us. As a reminder, your session members are Tom Gelwicks, Owen Karlman, Ralph Kerler, Kathy LaBarge, Glenn Morrison, Bill Raduege, Steve Schunk and Jillian Consie. Your Pastoral Nominating Committee is the session plus Carol Gelwicks and Shirlee Gallagher.*

Also of note:

- Manitowish Waters church session is having its regular monthly meeting April 18 and our session member Ralph Kerler will attend as liaison.
- On May 1, Manitowish Waters church will have a congregation meeting to install their PNC. Jack Fashbaugh will moderate that meeting and our session will have a liaison present.
- We will keep you posted as we progress on the DRAFT yoking agreement that is to be used simply as a document to capture what a possible agreement may look like and provide a basis for further conversations between our sessions/PNCs, etc.

- The LdF CPC session will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 10 am. *If anyone from the congregation would like to attend and ask questions and provide input, you are welcome.*
- We would like to plan a Joint PNC meeting with Manitowish Waters' session and/or PNC in May. We are interested in hosting the meeting and providing a supper.
- We encourage members of our congregation to visit the Manitowish Waters church website, attend services, watch their services via the internet, etc.

Thanks for staying in touch and involved during this vital process. Keep Your church in your prayers, asking for God's presence on this journey.

Your Session and PNC

